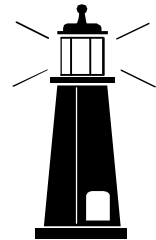


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## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FEMA FY '99 GRANT REPORT

### FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION PROGRAM

As part of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) first responder domestic preparedness initiative, the Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support (OSLDPS) has announced that \$69.5 million will be made available during fiscal year 1999, to ensure that first responders are properly equipped and prepared to respond to incidents of domestic terrorism involving chemical and biological agents, as well as radiological and explosive devices.

The **First Responder Equipment Acquisition Program** will provide \$69.5 million in grants to the 157 largest cities and localities, as well as the States, to procure personal protective gear, as well as chemical/biological detection, decontamination, and communications equipment. This equipment will enable fire departments, law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response units, and other emergency response agencies to enhance their response capabilities to incidents of domestic terrorism. The design and implementation of this program will be coordinated with the NDPO.

Of the \$69.5 million, \$46 million will be provided to the 157 largest cities and localities, which will be divided into three award categories. The number of jurisdictions in each category will be based on population. Those cities and counties with the highest populations will receive the larger awards, and those with the lowest populations the smaller awards.

The remaining \$23.5 million will be provided to the 50 States. A baseline amount of \$250,000 will be allocated to state agencies as designated by the governor, and the balance will be distributed on a population share basis. It is anticipated that applications for these grants will be made available by April, 1999.

### MUNICIPAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM

The Municipal Fire and Emergency Services Program will provide \$25 million to expand equipment and training programs targeted specifically to municipal fire and emergency services departments. Of the \$25 million, \$16 million will be earmarked to assist municipal fire and emergency medical services departments to acquire equipment, \$4 million will be earmarked for interoperable radio equipment for local emergency response agencies, and \$5 million will be earmarked for training for these same agencies. As the \$16 million equipment program is integrated with the above mentioned \$69.5 million equipment acquisition program, the planning for its

implementation will also be coordinated with the NDPO, and the NDPO Standard Equipment List (SEL) will be incorporated into the application package.

The **Municipal Fire and Emergency Services Equipment Acquisition Program** will provide \$10.35 million in grants to the remaining cities which have been designated for training under the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Program that are not eligible for funding under OJP's FY 1999 First Responder Equipment Acquisition Program. Grants up to \$150,000 will be awarded to each of the 69 jurisdictions.

Of the remaining \$5.65 million, \$3.75 million will be available to the largest cities and state capital in those states not reached by the FY 1999 First Responder Equipment Acquisition Program. This approach will address the 12 states currently not served through either the First Responder Equipment Acquisition Program, or the Nunn-Lugar-Domenici Domestic Preparedness Program. Grants up to \$100,000 will be awarded to each of these 35 jurisdictions.

A balance of approximately \$1.9 million will remain to support additional demonstration projects. Applications for these grants are also expected to be available by April, 1999.

### **INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM**

Through a joint initiative with the National Institute of Justice's Office of Science and Technology, OJP will conduct an assessment of new communications equipment designed to help address the interoperable communications problem facing state and local agencies. Tests of equipment will be conducted in 10-12 cities, and, if proven successful, the technology will be made available to approximately 140 jurisdictions around the world, at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000 per site.

The locations selected to conduct these demonstrations are: Washington DC, Virginia Beach, New York City, New Hampshire/Vermont, Baton Rouge, Denver, Salt Lake City, Orlando, Las Vegas, Eastern Kentucky, and College State, Texas. The results of these tests, and the final assessment by the National Institute of Justice are expected to be completed by May, 1999. The applications for these grants should be available by June, 1999.

### **FEMA TERRORISM-RELATED GRANTS**

In addition to the OJP grants, FEMA is providing approximately \$12 million in 100% federally funded grants to States for terrorism-related preparedness activities. Part of this money will go to the States, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, to support terrorism consequence management planning, exercises, and training activities to enhance State and local preparedness. The remainder will be provided to the 50 State fire training agencies to support first responder "Emergency Response to Terrorism" training courses.

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